

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a message telephone/VTR system, the message telephone has a system control unit for judging presence or absence of reception of a TV telephone call from the public line, and, in case of reception of the TV telephone call, transmitting packet data, generated by decoding the audio/image data, and a recording start/stop command to the VTR through the I/F, and the VTR of the system has a system control unit for controlling the start/stop of recording based on the packet data and the recording start/stop command transmitted from the system control unit.